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DEPT PASS HEW/NIE FOR GLENNAN AND MARTIN; HEW/OE FOR LEESTMA
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SUBJECT: US CONTRIBUTION TO CERI IN 1974

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1. SUMMARY: GASS HAS AGREED TO BASIC POINTS IN US PROPOSAL FOR PARTICIPATION IN CERI NEXT YEAR (REFTEL) AND TO SCENARIO IN WHICH US WOULD FORMALLY PRESENT PROPOSAL TO SEC GEN BEFORE CHRISTMAS RECESS IN ORDER TO GIVE CERI MEMBERS SUFFICIENT TIME FOR CONSIDERATION. ACTION REQUESTED: UNLESS DEPARTMENT HAS OBJECTION, MISSION WILL FORWARD TEXT OF US PROPOSAL (PARA 4 BELOW) TO SEC GEN ON DECEMBER 20. IF DEPARTMENT HAS COMMENTS ON PARA 4 OR ON REFTEL, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THEM BY COB DECEMBER 19. END SUMMARY.

2. IN CONVERSATION DECEMBER 12 WITH MISOFF AND LEESTMA (OE), GASS AGREED THAT US PROPOSAL FOR PARTICIPATION IN CERI NEXT YEAR WILL CONSIST OF NIE GRANT OF DOLS165,000 IN RETURN FOR PARTICIPATION OF US REPRESENTATIVE ON CERI GOVERNING BOARD, AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO OBLIGATION FOR EITHER OECD OR THE US BEYOND 1974. MISOFF SAID MISSION IN PRESENTING US PROPOSAL COULD TAKE NOTICE OF SPECIFIC GRANTS TO CERI NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION
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BY OE BUT THAT MISSION WOULD BE CAREFUL NOT TO USE THEM AS

INDUCEMENT TO ACCEPT US PROPOSAL. GASS SAID SEC GEN HAS NOT MADE DECISION ON US OFFER BUT THAT HE WAS "NOT LIKELY TO REJECT IT". HE SAID HE WOULD PRESS SEC GEN FOR DECISION ON US OFFER AND FOR STATEMENT IN COUNCIL ON CEILING FOR MEMBER COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERI NEXT YEAR; GASS BELIEVES LATTER STATEMENT WOULD REDUCE PRESSURE FROM MEMBERS ON US TO PAY 25 PER CENT CONTRIBUTION. GASS ALSO SAID THAT FINAL BUDGETARY DOCUMENT ON CERI RESOURCES WOULD SHOW LUMP SUM OF US CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE TO CERI AT THAT TIME (PROBABLY LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY OF NEXT YEAR).

3. MISSION STRESSED IT WOULD MAKE CLEAR TO CERI MEMBERS US OFFER WAS FOR DOLS165,000 AND WARN THEM THAT THEY SHOULD NOT RELY ON POSSIBILITY OF SPECIFIC PROJECT GRANTS "UNDER CONSIDERATION" BY OE. MISSION POSED NO OBJECTION IF SEC GEN USED CONSOLIDATED SUM FOR US GRANTS IN COUNCIL PRESENTATION, PROVIDING SUCH GRANTS WERE FIRM BY THAT TIME, BECAUSE US WOULD DISTINGUISH BETWEEN GENERAL GRANT OF DOLS165,000 AND SPECIFIC GRANTS FROM AGENCIES OTHER THAN NIE. GASS AGREED WITH MISSION THAT IF POSSIBLE US PROPOSAL SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE CHRISTMAS RECESS SO THAT MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE ADEQUATE TIME TO CONSIDER IT BEFORE IT REACHED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL.

4. SUGGESTED TEXT OF LETTER FROM ACTING CHIEF OF MISSION TO SECRETARY GENERAL:

"I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT THE US IN THE FORM OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, IS PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO CERI THE SUM OF DOLS165,000 IN 1974, PROVIDING THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE NIE, DR. THOMAS GLENNAN, MAY TAKE PART IN THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE CERI GOVERNING BOARD, AND WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE US PARTICIPATION IN CERI IN 1974 WOULD NOT IMPLY A COMMITMENT FOR FUTURE YEARS TO OECD, CERI OR THE US.

"THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. EDUCATION AND WELFARE IS CONSIDERING SEVERAL GRANTS TO CERI FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES. HOWEVER, THESE GRANTS ARE STILL IN THE DISCUSSION STAGE AND IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ANTICIPATE WHEN A DECISION WILL BE MADE OR WHETHER CERI WOULD UNDERTAKE THE SPECIFIC WORK REQUIRED UNDER GRANTS OF THIS KIND. EVEN IF THESE GRANTS WERE OFFERED AND CERI ACCEPTED THEM, THEY SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE PART OF THE GENERAL GRANT BY NIE ON WHICH THE US PROPOSAL UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR A RELATIONSHIP WITH CERI NEXT YEAR IS BASED."BROWN

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